

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

July 14, 2010

In attendance at the July 14, 2010 Finance Committee meeting were Bill Allen, John Ellard, Joe Gambon, Joe Weeks, Julie Shaffer, Rachel Gear, Rich Penney, Caryn Stevens and Paula Ferguson. Absent were Bob MacDonald and Dolores Baronas.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman John Ellard. John Ellard also announced that the meeting was being recorded.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Julie to accept the minutes from June 9, 2010. Rich Penney abstained from voting as he was not in attendance. A unanimous vote was taken with one abstention.

We welcomed our newest member, Joe Weeks.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Rachel for John Ellard to be Chairman, seconded by Bill. A unanimous vote was taken.

A motion was made by Rich for Joe Gambon to be Vice Chairman, seconded by Bill. A unanimous vote was taken.

A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Rich for Paula Ferguson to be Secretary. A unanimous vote was taken.

Appointments to other committees:

A motion was made by Rich seconded by Joe for Bill to be on Capital Planning.

Under New Business:

Interim Fire Chief Scott Duffey discussed the FEMA Grant which will supply the fire station with sprinklers, fire alarm, hose and other much needed equipment. They received a grant for \$138,740.00 and need \$6937 from the town in order to receive this grant. It could not come out of their budget per the grant requirements. A motion was made by Julie, seconded by Joe to have \$6937.00 transferred from the Reserve Fund for FY 2011. A unanimous vote was taken.

There was a request for \$2819.84 to be transferred from Traffic Lighting to FICA as FICA was underfunded. Rich made the motion to approve, seconded by Joe. A unanimous vote was taken. Paula noticed that there is no account called Traffic Lighting, only Street Lighting or Traffic Control but seeing that it was the end of the year and there would have to be an emergency Board of Selectmen's meeting to verify this, it was decided that the account should be assumed Traffic Control.

There was a request for \$3224.10 to come from Street Lighting to Legal. Even though this was transferred at our last meeting from health insurance, there were not enough funds to cover this transfer and therefore had to come from Street Lighting. Discussion was made on having controls on the legal budget and closer monitoring so as not to overspend. All invoices should be done monthly from all attorneys. Suggestion was made for the Finance Committee to be notified when the Legal Account hits \$50,000. A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Julie to accept this transfer request. 5 voted for, 3

against (Joe, Bill and Paula).

Other Committee Reports:

The School Building Committee meets weekly with architects and managers. Construction is currently due to begin in August with fencing off of the parking lot. Hopefully by November the foundation will be poured for the Middle School.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 6:30 in the lower conference room.

Mary Parsons brought up a question as to why the previous Board of Selectmen were reported to the District Attorney's Office for overspending the Legal Budget and not the current Board of Selectmen. Chairman Ellard said that we asked the current Board to stop spending, they made a transfer request and it was no longer being considered deficit spending when the transfer request was made. Also Planning and Zoning Boards need legal counsel and can't be told No. Arbitration comes up unexpectedly. Mary also suggested that we have the free cash figures by July 15 every year.

Rachel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill. A unanimous vote was taken. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Reserve Fund Balance for FY 2011 is \$43063.00.

All funds from the FY2010 Reserve Fund were turned back to free cash.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ferguson
Secretary
Rockland Finance Committee